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SUBJECT : MIDEASTFOR WITHDRAWAL: CONTINUING COMMO SUPPORT
FOR DOD ELEMENTS

REF : (A) STATE 306417 (B) MANAMA 2124

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES REPORT, CONTAINED STATE REFTEL, OF
NEA/EX MEETING WITH DOD OFFICIAL CONCERNED WITH SUPPORT OF
DFQAO AFTER MIDEASTFOR WITHDRAWAL. POST AGREES THAT WE
COULD HANDLE DFQAO'S OCCASIONAL CLASSIFIED MESSAGE IF DFQAO
COULD HANDLE ITS OWN REGULAR UNCLASSIFIED TRAFFIC, WHICH
IS SUBSTANTIAL AND INVOLVES NUMEROUS NIACT MESSAGES.

2. CONCERNING POST-WITHDRAWAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR USMTM
DHAHRAN, COMMUNICATIONS OFFICERS FROM USMTM, COMIDEASTFOR,
AND NCSC MET HERE RECENTLY TO DISCUSS ALTERNATIVES OUTLINED
MANAMA REFTEL. RESULT WAS RECOMMENDATION FORWARDED TO
CINCUSNAVEUR 19 DEC THAT PRESENT MIDEASTFOR COMMO FACILITY
BE FULLY CLOSED DOWN IN TERMS ITS CAPABILITIES AS SITE FOR
ORIGINATING AND RECEIVING RECORD TRAFFIC BUT THAT IT REMAIN AS
RELAY STATION ONLY FOR USMTM'S USE. RECOMMENDATION IS THAT
RELAY STATION WOULD BE RUN BY FOUR OR FIVE U.S. ARMY PERSONNEL,
PERHAPS FROM USMTM'S COMPLEMENT.

3. IF THIS RECOMMENDATION BECOMES DOD'S PREFERENCE FOR ASSURING
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POST-WITHDRAWAL COMMO FACILITIES FOR USMTM, IT WOULD
OF COURSE REQUIRE DISCUSSION WITH GOB. THEREFORE, APPRECIATE
DEPT. CONTINUING TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH DOD CONCERNING ITS PLANS
FOR BOTH DFQAO AND USMTM COMMO SUPPORT FOLLOWING MIDEASTFOR
WITHDRAWAL.
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